

**United States Government**  
**2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**IRAQ**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Ministry of Oil - Training Program</b>	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) has committed \$2.5 million to fund the Iraq Oil Training Program, which is comprised of three segments: \$1 million for Management Training, \$1 million for Technical Training, and \$500,000 for Human Resources Training. This program has been developed to provide technical training, skills development, and overall institutional capacity building for a range of representatives of the Iraqi Ministry of Oil, from very senior officials to mid-level managers and operators. The program was developed in close cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Oil and is intended to provide skills necessary to modernize operations in the oil sector. The program is also designed to maximize opportunities for Ministry of Oil participants to meet and develop relationships with private sector oil industry representatives. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	625,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	1,250,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	625,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>
<b>Private Sector Development</b>	USAID is engaged in a robust Private Sector development program. This program drives economic development and employment generation by supporting key private sector institutions and reforms. The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) initiative provides growth businesses with reliable access to credit and technical assistance. This program builds the foundation for privatization, in addition to developing the institutions and framework for domestic and foreign investment promotion. A capital markets component works to establish international best practices for equity/bond regulation and trading and to develop fair, efficient, liquid and transparent systems for market regulation and trading. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	Business Services & Training	12,936,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	12,012,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	5,852,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>30,800,000</b>
<b>Trade-Related Iraq Economic Governance</b>	The USAID Economic Governance program continues reforms in tax, fiscal, legal, institutional, and regulatory frameworks. USAID continues efforts with the Ministry of Finance to further enable policy makers to formulate and implement policy decisions based on international best practices. Capacity building efforts at the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) will expand the ability of the CBI to develop and monitor an effective monetary policy, strengthen its supervisory role, and modernize banking operations. At the same time, assistance is provided to the electricity and communications industries and other relevant government ministries. USAID also supports the development of a reliable social safety net, ensuring assistance to displaced workers and the provision of sustainable pension benefits. This trade-related assistance is part of a much larger and broader program of USAID assistance for good economic governance in Iraq. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	Customs Operation & Administration	7,800,000
		E-Commerce & IT	16,120,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	28,080,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>52,000,000</b>
<b>VEGA Business Skills Development</b>	USAID, through the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance "VEGA" (a consortia of NGO's), provides training and technical assistance to businesses of all sizes and entrepreneurs through a dynamic "virtual business center" model. Virtual business training centers provide services to clients in a specific geographical area. Services include business incubation, business basics training, in-house mentoring and consulting, access to business and market information, access to a small grants program, access to public-use computer terminals and communications equipment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	Business Services & Training	<b>10,000,000</b>

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<b>WTO Accession Assistance - Iraq</b>	USAID is engaged in a robust Private Sector development program. This program drives economic development and employment generation by supporting key private sector institutions and reforms. USAID provides assistance in trade policy and market access to support Iraq's integration with the international economy, including beginning the path to WTO accession. This program builds the foundation for privatization, in addition to developing the institutions and framework for domestic and foreign investment promotion. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	WTO Accession	<b>6,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Iraq</b>			<b>101,300,000</b>